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The People of the Salinan Tribe

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Indian Cemetery Work Day

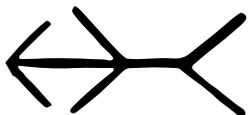
At Mission San Antonio

Next work day at San Antonio Mission, on Indian cemetery Adobe walls is Saturday, **February 21st**. 8 am. To 11 am. Adding mud to the Adobe cemetery wall at mission San Antonio that protects over two thousand native ancestors. Adobe wall restoration at mission San Antonio. Continued with a larger group of volunteers, eight volunteers showed up in support.

Ben Flood, Kathy MacCormack, Brooke Tavernetti, David Mascorro, Bruce Flood and Louie Benitez. Billy and Courtney members of the Bear Valley Redrum Motorcycle Club also volunteered. Special thank you to all the volunteers. Jessica Rodgers was also present.

Contact Bruce Flood @ 805-903-3089 If you have any questions, comments or would like to volunteer contact the Tribal Office and leave a message. @ 805-464-2650

Submitted By: Council Member Bruce Flood



Volunteer Opportunity.

The Salinan Tribe of Monterey & San Luis Obispo Counties is looking for members with knowledge of indigenous plants and their traditional cultural uses, or willing to learn. Starting in February, we will be conducting flora surveys at the Willow Creek Conservancy in the Adelaide region of Paso Robles, and planning our reintroduction efforts. Interested?

Please contact Council Member Robert Piatti via email at monitoring@salinatribe.com Please do so even if you have previously volunteered. Thank you.

California Coastal Commission

California Coastal Commission, Upcoming Meetings Regarding Offshore Wind

- the current final draft of the Statewide Strategy is available on the Coastal Commission Website, for review and comments through February 23

- Coastal Commission Hearing at Oceano Hotel & Spa, 280 Capistrano Road, Half Moon Bay CA 94019 on Feb. 5

-California Tribes Roundtable, via Coastal Commission Zoom Link on their web site, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m on Feb. 9



Solstice

With a reduction of the amount of people allowed to climb and the popularity of this event, we will be creating an application process that will be equitable to everyone.

In the future all requests will be forwarded to the Solstice lead which currently is Josh Cody.

Wisdom of the Elders



Bonnie Pierce has offered to volunteer her time to develop an Education Department to focus, the Elder Council on Elder Education needs.

For more information call at:
907-394-1362



Short Stories or Articles

If anyone has a story or article to share **Contact Kenneth Pierce at** editor@salinatribe.com

No later than the 15th of each month.

Anything recieved later than the 15th will appear in the next months newsletter!!!

Salinan Words of the Month

Guide to sounds



Kensha:nel

Creator

Sta'yokale

Santa Lucia Peak

ts – sound at the end of cats
tr – make a t but curl your tongue (almost sounds like a ch)
' – sound in the middle of uh-oh (glottal stop)

P' t' k' ts' ch'
consonants said at the same time as a glottal stop ('); they make a strong, emphasized pop!
x – guttural throaty h sound

a father
e get
l beat.
o hope
u due
ay pie
ow mow
oy toy

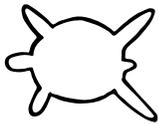


double vowels (**aa**, **ae**) are the same sound but longer in length



Quotes from Native Elders

Why do you take by force what you could obtain by love.



Wahunsonacock (Powhatan),
Powhatan, 1547-1622

O Great Spirit whose voice I hear in the winds, I come to you as one of your many children. I need your strength and your wisdom. Make me strong not to be superior to my brother, but to be able to fight my greatest enemy: Myself.

Chief Dan George,
Coast Salish, 1899-1981



Let us put our minds together and see what life will make for our children.

Hunkesni (Sitting Bull),
Hunkpapa Sioux 1831-1890

I hope the Great Heavenly Father; who will look down upon us, will give all the tribes His blessing, that we may go forth in peace and live in peace all our days, and that he will look down upon our children and finally lift us far above this earth; and that our Heavenly Father will look upon our children as His children, that all the tribes may be His children. And as we shake hands to-day upon this broad plain, we may forever live in peace.

Red Cloud (Makhpiya-Luta),
Oglala Sioux Chief, Late 19th Century

Notice !!!

Remember the Newsletter will be ONLINE ONLY.

Contact Kenneth Pierce at editor@salinantribe.com with your email address to receive a Newsletter online or pick one up at the Tribal Office.



We have a new T-Shirt design and it will be available at the general meetings it will also be on the website soon for viewing.

The following sizes are available,

Women's – Sm, to 3xl

sweatshirts size sm to 4xl

Men's – Sm, Med Lg, xLg, xxLg, xxxLg

We also have hooded sweatshirts



**NEW
ADDITIONS**

**In women's t-shirts we have size small to 3xl.
And we have have sweatshirts sizes small to 4xl.**

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REMEMBER TO PRAY TO kensha:nel (CREATOR) TO keeheak (PROTECT) ALL lu wa' (MEN) AND lets'e (WOMAN) WHO ARE SERVING OUR COUNTRY. AND BRING THEM Ta'ma (HOME) SAFE.

Vision of the Salinan Tribe

We, as the Salinan Tribe, follow the way of our ancestors as we walk the path of our heritage toward becoming complete individuals. We exercise our rights as a sovereign entity. We continue to reawaken our culture. Each and every tribal member has an equal voice.

We, as the Salinan Tribe, commit to honoring the rights of each and every tribal member to practice our spiritual, individual, or religious beliefs. We remember and honor our ancestors, elders, and children now and for all generations to come.

We as the Salinan Tribe, continue to gather as a tribal family.



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February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Tribal Business meeting 6:00pm	19	20	21 Cemetery WorkDay at Mission San Antonio 8 am -11 am
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Tribal business meeting is on the 3rd Wednesday of each month

**THERE ARE NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED AT ANY TRIBAL EVENT.
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